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AFRL-Rome awards contract to small business

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$97,866 contract to Cymfony Inc. in the Buffalo suburb of Williamsville. The nine-month award, "Fusion of Information from Diverse, Textual Media: A Case Restoration Approach," was awarded under the federal government's Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program.

"Company engineers will investigate the development of software tools and techniques to combine information extraction with fusion technology," said Paul M. Engelhart, program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Ex-

ploitation Division. "Many military applications stem from the fact that intelligence analysts are plagued by information overload and need to consolidate an abundance of information. This includes both intelligence reports and open text sources — especially large volumes of text documents and message traffic — that they are faced with on a daily basis."

"Extending the utility of information extraction technology will significantly benefit information analysts and decision makers by providing improved capabilities to keep them abreast of their domains of responsibility by producing higher quality and more thorough analysis results," said Engelhart. @